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Dear Sir:

On 04/28/04, I called you regarding a notice of allowance mailed 04/23/04 to discuss the Examiner's amendments. It was agreed that a supplemental notice of allowability will be issued to change the Examiner's amendments of 04/23/04 as follows:

In claim 20, line 15: change "the distal end side" to --a distal end side--.

In claim 29, line 2: delete "claim 22 or".

The amendment to claim 31, line 3 to delete the first occurrence of "the" will be withdrawn because "a hollow member" is recited in claim 25, on which claim 31 is dependent.

Applicant has not received the supplemental notice of allowability. Please send it to us at the new address indicated in the change of address hereby attached as soon as possible.

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